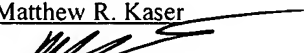


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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT IN A REQUEST
FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

This is a second Response to the Notice Of Non-Compliant Amendment, mailed 8th January 2010. This second Response is being made to correct defects in the Response as communicated to Applicant by the Examiner in a telephone call on 21 April, 2010.

Applicants had believed that the earlier Response to the Notice Of Non-Compliant Amendment was in compliance with section 2 of the Notice that stated: "If any of boxes 1. to 4. are checked, the correction required is only the **corrected section** of the non-compliant amendment" (original emphasis) and therefore Applicant submitted only the two pages having the non-compliant amendment.

Please enter the following amendments that correct the non-compliant amendment as filed 21 October 2009.